Euſton, January 28, 1798.

Sir,

As it is very deſirable to have an accurate Account of the Number of Horſes, Waggons, and Drivers, which might be forthcoming at ſhort Notice in caſe of Invaſion, for the purpose of removing dead Stock, and of conveying Soldiers, or their Baggage; I tranſmit to you, for the Conſideration of the Magiſtrates and Deputy Lieutenants throughout the County of Suffolk, but more particularly for thoſe who act in the Diviſions which border on the Sea, a Printed Copy of the State of the Civil Power in the County of Dorſet, arranged under the ſeveral Heads; compriſing the Number and Diſpoſition of the Poſſe Comitatus, *and of the Waggons and Draught Horſes in each Diviſion, which might, if neceſſary, be uſed for the Purpoſes therein mentioned. The Liſt alluded to alſo contains the Number of Perſons between the Ages of* 15 *and* 60 *(not engaged in any Military Capacity) returned to the Sheriff from the reſpective Diviſions of the ſaid County.*

As the encloſed State was sent by the Secretary of State, as a Model for the Eſtabliſhment of a ſimilar Syſtem in ſuch of the Pariſhes of this County as border upon the Sea, and as the Utility of ſuch a Plan is too evident to need any Argument in its Support, I am perſuaded, that the zealous Attention which has, on all Occaſions, been evinced by the Magiſtrates of Suffolk, as well as by the Deputy Lieutenants when they have been called upon, will make any Recommendation of mine unneceſſary to induce them to adopt, with as much Expedition as poſſible, ſuch Meaſures as will enable the Government to judge of the Means they may rely upon in caſe of an Emergency, for removing inland the Stock within Ten or Twelve Miles of the Sea.

Whenever the proper Returns on the material Points ſhall have been received by the Magiſtrates, I will beg of them to tranſmit Copies to the High Sheriff, and to me, which I will immediately lay before the Secretary of State.

I am, Sir, with much Regard,
Your very faithful & obedient Servant,

Euston.

To Henry Collett, Eſq.
Clerk of the Peace.

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